

THE PARISH OF BELTINGHAM WITH HENSHAW

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Heroes and Villains

September saw the 80th anniversary of the start of the Blitz, which lasted through to May in 1941. In a recent article in the Oldie magazine, Joshua Levine speculated on how much there was in common between 1940 when a human enemy brought us together, and now when a viral enemy is keeping us apart. After piecing together a number of instances from the Blitz, he concludes that some behaved well and some behaved badly – in short just like a lot of human beings. He recounts an incident of a young woman returning home late in the evening on the bus, sitting on the top deck where there was only one other person, sitting right at the front. Suddenly the sound of a bomb falling could be heard, and the driver made a sharp right turn. A few moments later, the bomb exploded elsewhere, but as it was falling, the stranger had walked along the top deck of the bus, and without a word being spoken had taken the girl's hand. Once they were through the area, he moved back to his front seat, again without speaking – a lovely example of the kindness of strangers.

Worship in our Parish

Over the time since our churches were allowed to re-open for worship, we have adopted a pattern of alternating between St Cuthbert's in Haydon Bridge and All Hallows' in Henshaw, at 10.30 am each Sunday. This has been in addition to the streamed 9am service on Facebook, with hymns and reflection. We have also continued to stream morning and evening prayer at 9 am and 6 pm each day.

The pattern of services is a Eucharist at All Hallows', Henshaw one week, followed by a service of Said Morning Prayer at 10.30 am, the following week, with the church remaining open until 12 noon for those who wish to come for private prayer. The Vicar envisages that this pattern will continue at least in the immediate future, but armed with the results of a recent survey, he will make any further proposals to the PCC for developments to our pattern of worship and support for our parishioners.

To help you plan, therefore, here is a list of the dates for October for live services in **All Hallows', Henshaw**. None of the services are currently taking place in St Cuthbert's in Beltingham, as we have maintained that to be available for use for small weddings and funerals.

Sunday, 4 October at 10.30 am 17th Sunday after Trinity, a service of Harvest Gratitude

Sunday 11 October at 10.30 am, 18th Sunday after Trinity, Benefice Eucharist, Harvest Generosity

Sunday 18 October at 10.30 am, 19th Sunday after Trinity, Morning Prayer with Reflection

Sunday 25 October at 10.30 am, Last after Trinity, Benefice Eucharist

Sunday 1 November at 10.30 am, All Saints Day, Morning Prayer with Reflection.

From the Parish Registers

On 5 September, at St Cuthbert's, Beltingham, the marriage of Amy Saunders and Angus Lill

On 12 September, at St Cuthbert's, Beltingham, the marriage of Gillian Pattinson and Oliver Newbury

Both ceremonies were held with a limited number in church due to the current coronavirus restrictions.

Woodland Trust, Tree of the Year Competition

The outcome of the voting be announced by the month. It is likely to be sure to check how our fared.



for Tree of the Year will Woodland Trust this Monday 12 October. Be Yew at Beltingham has

Come ye thankful people, come

At harvest time in most of our churches, we would always have been likely to sing the hymn, Come ye thankful people, come. It was written by Henry Alford, the son of Christian parents, born in London in 1810. He wrote the hymn in 1844, at a time when getting the harvest “safely gathered in” would be a task more familiar to people then. There would be an urgency associated with the harvest, the culmination of much hard work during the year, so easily spoilt by poor weather.

Henry Alford was a quite remarkable person – apparently he had written a biography of the Apostle Paul when he was only six years old! He wrote several hymns, but Come ye thankful people come is the only one which is widely used today.

Now try the Harvest Quiz

- Are the following fruits or vegetables:
Tomatoes, rhubarb, potatoes, olives, butternut squash.
- Which country consumes the most onions?
Scotland, India or Libya?
- Who is the Greek goddess of the harvest?
- Who is the Roman goddess of the harvest?
- Gumtree is the common name of which tree?
- Which of the following are edible:
Chickweed, aconites, nettles, aquilegia, herb Robert, dandelion.
- Which acts of parliament created large fields in England, rather than the previous strips for farming?
- What are Silkies, Dominique, Catalanas and Legbars?
- Who painted The Haywain?
- Which king was nicknamed Turnip Head?
- From which harvest hymn is this the beginning of the second verse?
“We ourselves are God’s own field, Fruit unto his praise to yield”
- In which country is “crop over” the name for harvest festival?
South Africa, New Zealand, Barbados?
- By what name do we know the flower called asphodile in French?
- Who introduced the potato to England?
- Which herb is an emblem of remembrance?
- In which gospel would you find the comment “The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few”?
- Who wrote “One is nearer God’s heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth”?
- What is the study of fossils called?
- Who was the great Swedish classifier of plants?
- Name the birds of the corvidae family.
- The aromatic herb dittany is known by a two word name which in the Old Testament refers to the shrub by which God revealed himself to Moses. What is the two word name?
- The monkey puzzle tree is the national tree of which country?
- What is the name of the soft fruit which is a cross between a black berry and a raspberry?
- Who wrote The Secret Garden?
- Which sea port in Sicily gives its name to a dessert wine?
- What is the common name of the fungus spread by bark beetle to trees of the Ulmus genus?
- What is special about the harvest mouse?
- Who is the patron saint of animals?
- What is camellia sinensis more popularly called?
- From what song is the line Parsley, sage, Rosemary and Thyme?
- Who wrote “when melancholy autumn comes to Wembley and electric trains are lighted after tea, the poplars near the Stadium are trembley..... “?
- Which great landscaper was born at Kirkharle in Northumberland?
- What is a belted Galloway?
- What is autumn called in New England?
- What species of bird can be a Dartford or grasshopper?
- Which food of the Greek gods was supposed to confer eternal life?
- What is the plant belladonna more commonly known as?
- What does a dendrologist study?
- What is the name of the scale for wind measurement?
- What do Letchworth and Welwyn have in common?

Answers next month – if you can;t wait, email me at galbraithanne55@gmail.com

Currently earmarked for felling, the plight of this 150 year old Plane has awakened something in a community that couldn't bear to see it go. The dressing of the tree, and the signs behind it, are testament to the strength of feeling among the local campaigning. As an urban tree, it makes an important contribution to combatting air pollution and making grey city streets green. But the community sees it as more than just the sum of its parts – it's part of the estate, part of their collective history.

The threat to the Happy Man Tree highlights how important it is that all housing developments are planned with existing and mature trees at their heart: we all deserve trees and green spaces around where we live, including in our most urban areas.